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SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CALLS FOR LAO AGREEMENT
TO ACCORD WITH CONSTITUTION

1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS REPORT, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
(AUGUST 3) HELD CLOSED SESSION ATTENDED BY 35 DEPUTIES

AND 3 MINISTERS. DEPUTIES REPORTEDLY APPROVED A
RESOLUTION, PUT FORTH BY PRINCE BOUN OUM NA CHAMPASSAK,
CALLING ON RLG TO CONSULT WITH ALL "POLITICAL PARTIES,
ORGANIZATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND CLUBS" CONCERNING THE
ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS. VOTE WAS 18 "FOR", 12
"AGAINST", WITH 3 ABSTENTIONS. RESOLUTION ALSO
ASSERTS THAT RLG-LPF AGREEMENT SHOULD CONFORM WITH
STIPULATIONS OF THE LAO CONSTITUTION AND FALL WITHIN
FRAMEWORK OF 1962 GENEVA AGREEMENT.

2. COMMENT: THIS APPEARS TO BE ANOTHER MANEUVER BY
PRO-SANANIKONE FACTION TO PUT SOUVANNA IN AWKWARD POSI-
TION AND POSSIBLY TO SEEK DELAY IN NEGOTIATIONS.
REFERENCE TO CONFORMING WITH LAO CONSTITUTION TRANSLATES
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INTO REQUEST THAT GOVERNMENT SUBMIT AGREEMENT AND

PROTOCOL TO ASSEMBLY FOR ITS APPROVAL, A MOVE WHICH
LPF VIGOROUSLY OPPOSES. RLG HAS YET TO DECIDE HOW TO
PROCEED ON THIS QUESTION. AS REPORTED VIENTIANE 5401,
SOUVANNA IS THINKING OF FORWARDING BOTH DOCUMENTS TO
ASSEMBLY FOR ITS CONSIDERATION, BUT WHETHER ASSEMBLY
WILL ACTUALLY VOTE ON MATTER OR WHETHER SUBMISSION TO
ASSEMBLY WILL SUFFICE FOR PURPOSES OF "CONSTITUTIONALISTS"
LIKE KING HAS YET TO BE RESOLVED. SOUVANNA WHO IS IN
LUANG PRABANG THIS WEEKEND, IS PRESUMABLY SEEKING A LAO
SOLUTION WHICH WILL ACCOMMODATE SEEMINGLY INCOMPATIBLE
REQUIREMENTS OF KING, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND PATHET LAO.
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